

Reading Strategy

READING A DEBATE

A **debate** is an organized exchange of opinions on an issue. In academic settings, *debate* refers to an oral contest in which two opposing teams defend and attack a proposition.

Directions: Cavendish loosely uses the debate form in “Female Orations.” As you read each oration, record the speaker’s objection to the previous argument. Then explain the speaker’s own position. An example has been done for you.

Speaker	Objection to Previous Argument	Speaker’s Own Position
I	no previous argument	Women should unite to free themselves from the control of men.
II		
III		
IV		
V		
VI		
VII		

FEMALE ORATIONS